

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 30, 33, and 36. In the Office Action of November 2, 2004,¹ claims 30-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,869,819 to *Knowles et al.* (“*Knowles*”). Claims 30-36 remain pending in this Application, and Applicants address the rejection below.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 30-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) because *Knowles* fails to anticipate those claims as currently presented. In order to properly anticipate Applicants’ claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102, each and every element of the claim at issue must be found, either expressly described or under principles of inherency, in a single prior art reference. Further, “[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the . . . claim[s].” *See* M.P.E.P. § 2131. Finally, “[t]he elements must be arranged as required by the claim.” *Id.*

With regard to independent claim 30, *Knowles* fails to teach at least “inputting information at a user terminal to retrieve package routing information, wherein said inputted information contains package identification, including at least a package source address, required by said at least one alias server to retrieve said package routing information,” as claimed.

As the Examiner notes, *Knowles* discloses reading a “URL/ZIP-CODE encoded label on . . . [a] package” using a “Portable Delivery Computer 54” (col. 22, lines 34-37). *Knowles* discloses that the Portable Delivery Computer 54 connects to an internet server (51) “using the locally recovered URL encoded in the scanned bar code symbol” (col. 22, lines 40-43).

Information associated linked to the URL is then displayed on a screen of the portable computer

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether or not any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

54 (col. 22, lines 45-47). *Knowles* also discloses that URL characters can be manually entered into a scanning device (col. 11, lines 1-4).

Although *Knowles* discloses scanning or entering a URL to obtain package information, the reference does not disclose “inputting information . . . [that] contains package identification, including at least a package source address, required by said at least one alias server to retrieve said package routing information,” as recited in claim 30. *Knowles*’s “URL/ZIP-CODE encoded label” does not constitute “package identification, including at least a package source address,” as recited in claim 30. For at least these reasons, *Knowles* fails to teach each and every feature of claim 30.

Because *Knowles* does not teach each and every feature of claim 30, as a matter of law, it cannot anticipate that claim. As such, the rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on *Knowles* should be withdrawn. The § 102(e) rejection of claims 31 and 32 should be withdrawn as well, at least because of the respective dependence of those claims upon claim 30.

Each of independent claims 33 and 36 includes features paralleling those of claim 30 noted above. Although claims 33 and 36 are of different scope than claim 30, Applicants submit that the rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) should be withdrawn for at least reasons similar to those presented above in connection with claim 30. In addition, the § 102(e) rejection of claims 34 and 35 should be withdrawn at least by virtue of their dependence upon claim 33. Applicants thus request withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection and the timely allowance of claims 30-36.

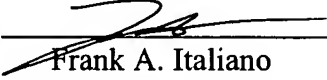
Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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